- (2) Record each action taken concerning the release from employment or physical or professional disqualification of any flight crewmember and keep the record for at least 6 months thereafter.
- (b) Each certificate holder shall maintain the records required by paragraph (a) of this section at its principal operations base, or at another location used by it and approved by the Administrator.
- (c) Computer record systems approved by the Administrator may be used in complying with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section.

### §125.403 Flight release form.

- (a) The flight release may be in any form but must contain at least the following information concerning each flight:
  - (1) Company or organization name.
- (2) Make, model, and registration number of the airplane being used.
  - (3) Date of flight.
- (4) Name and duty assignment of each crewmember.
- (5) Departure airport, destination airports, alternate airports, and route.
- (6) Minimum fuel supply (in gallons or pounds).
- (7) A statement of the type of operation (e.g., IFR, VFR).
- (b) The airplane flight release must contain, or have attached to it, weather reports, available weather forecasts, or a combination thereof.

## § 125.405 Disposition of load manifest, flight release, and flight plans.

- (a) The pilot in command of an airplane shall carry in the airplane to its destination the original or a signed copy of the—
- (1) Load manifest required by §125.383;
  - (2) Flight release;
  - (3) Airworthiness release; and
  - (4) Flight plan, including route.
- (b) If a flight originates at the principal operations base of the certificate holder, it shall retain at that base a signed copy of each document listed in paragraph (a) of this section.
- (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, if a flight originates at a place other than the principal operations base of the certificate holder,

the pilot in command (or another person not aboard the airplane who is authorized by the operator) shall, before or immediately after departure of the flight, mail signed copies of the documents listed in paragraph (a) of this section to the principal operations base.

- (d) If a flight originates at a place other than the principal operations base of the certificate holder and there is at that place a person to manage the flight departure for the operator who does not depart on the airplane, signed copies of the documents listed in paragraph (a) of this section may be retained at that place for not more than 30 days before being sent to the principal operations base of the certificate holder. However, the documents for a particular flight need not be further retained at that place or be sent to the principal operations base, if the originals or other copies of them have been previously returned to the principal operations base.
  - (e) The certificate holder shall:
- (1) Identify in its operations manual the person having custody of the copies of documents retained in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section; and
- (2) Retain at its principal operations base either the original or a copy of the records required by this section for at least 30 days.

### § 125.407 Maintenance log: Airplanes.

- (a) Each person who takes corrective action or defers action concerning a reported or observed failure or malfunction of an airframe, aircraft engine, propeller, or appliance shall record the action taken in the airplane maintenance log in accordance with part 43 of this chapter.
- (b) Each certificate holder shall establish a procedure for keeping copies of the airplane maintenance log required by this section in the airplane for access by appropriate personnel and shall include that procedure in the manual required by §125.249.

## § 125.409 Service difficulty reports.

(a) Each certificate holder shall report the occurrence or detection of each failure, malfunction, or defect, in a form and manner prescribed by the Administrator.

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(b) Each certificate holder shall submit each report required by this section, covering each 24-hour period beginning at 0900 local time of each day and ending at 0900 local time on the next day, to the FAA office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Each report of occurrences during a 24-hour period shall be submitted to the collection point within the next 96 hours. However, a report due on Saturday or Sunday may be submitted on the following Monday, and a report due on a holiday may be submitted on the next work day.

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## § 125.411 Airworthiness release or maintenance record entry.

- (a) No certificate holder may operate an airplane after maintenance, preventive maintenance, or alteration is performed on the airplane unless the person performing that maintenance, preventive maintenance, or alteration prepares or causes to be prepared—
  - (1) An airworthiness release; or
- (2) An entry in the aircraft maintenance records in accordance with the certificate holder's manual.
- (b) The airworthiness release or maintenance record entry required by paragraph (a) of this section must—
- (1) Be prepared in accordance with the procedures set forth in the certificate holder's manual:
  - (2) Include a certification that—
- (i) The work was performed in accordance with the requirements of the certificate holder's manual;
- (ii) All items required to be inspected were inspected by an authorized person who determined that the work was satisfactorily completed;
- (iii) No known condition exists that would make the airplane unairworthy; and
- (iv) So far as the work performed is concerned, the airplane is in condition for safe operation; and
- (3) Be signed by a person authorized in part 43 of this chapter to perform maintenance, preventive maintenance, and alteration.
- (c) When an airworthiness release form is prepared, the certificate holder must give a copy to the pilot in com-

mand and keep a record of it for at least 60 days.

(d) Instead of restating each of the conditions of the certification required by paragraph (b) of this section, the certificate holder may state in its manual that the signature of a person authorized in part 43 of this chapter constitutes that certification.

# APPENDIX A TO PART 125—ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

- (a) Means for emergency evacuation. Each passenger-carrying landplane emergency exit (other than over-the-wing) that is more that 6 feet from the ground with the airplane on the ground and the landing gear extended must have an approved means to assist the occupants in descending to the ground. The assisting means for a floor level emergency must meet the requirements of §25.809(f)(1) of this chapter in effect on April 30, 1972, except that, for any airplane for which the application for the type certificate was filed after that date, it must meet the requirements under which the airplane was type certificated. An assisting means that deploys automatically must be armed during taxiing, takeoffs, and landings. However, if the Administrator finds that the design of the exit makes compliance impractical, the Administrator may grant a deviation from the requirement of automatic deployment if the assisting means automatically erects upon deployment and, with respect to required emergency exits, if an emergency evacuation demonstration is conducted in accordance with §125.189. This paragraph does not apply to the rear window emergency exit of DC-3 airplanes operated with less than 36 occupants, including crewmembers, and less than five exits authorized for passenger use.
- (b) *Interior emergency exit marking.* The following must be complied with for each passenger-carrying airplane:
- (1) Each passenger emergency exit, its means of access, and means of opening must be conspicuously marked. The identity and location of each passenger emergency exit must be recognizable from a distance equal to the width of the cabin. The location of each passenger emergency exit must be indicated by a sign visible to occupants approaching along the main passenger aisle. There must be a locating sign—
- (i) Above the aisle near each over-the-wing passenger emergency exit, or at another ceiling location if it is more practical because of low headroom;
- (ii) Next to each floor level passenger emergency exit, except that one sign may serve two such exits if they both can be seen readily from that sign; and